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Election 09 Begins

The Tribal Election for 2009 is underway. In 2009 we will be choosing 5 Tribal Council Seats; 3 Election Board seats and three members of the Tribal Judiciary. The Primary Election is set for February 13th and the General Election is set for April 24th. See full details inside along with candidate articles beginning on page 4

Layoffs at LRCCR

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians announced in late November that layoffs had come to the Little River Casino Resort. See the press announcement on page 3

Tribal Language Lessons



The Manistee News Advocate ran a full page article honoring LRBOI's language instructor Kenny Pheasant. The article highlighted the work of Kenny in the MAPS school as he helps young students learn more about the Anishinaabek people, culture and history. See the full article beginning on page 24

New Community Center underway



The new Tribal Community Center has been a dream for years. Now it is actually beginning to take shape. See the photos and read the update on page 2

Maajiidaa is Moving

While many of those in the medical profession give out advice, the staff at the Tribal Health Clinic go one step further and actually help people start taking care of themselves in an informative and entertaining way. 'Maajiidaa' is a successful program of LRBOI and it recently made tribal history with a performance in Washington D.C. See page 27 for the details.



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Aanii,
Now that national elections are over, our tribal elections are now in full swing. There is much going on with the tribe and it is a critical time for us. It is my understanding that there are quite a few people who have stepped forward to run for the various open seats for a position of Judge, Tribal Council and the Election Board. These are critical times for our Tribe. What we do now, can and will affect our Tribe for years to come. As you know, the National

economy is now in a recession and no one knows exactly how long this might last. At the end of November, for the first time in its history, our Little River Casino Resort had to follow what other tribal casinos have had to do and that is to layoffs employees. The Casino chose to lay off approximately 100 employees only after much deliberation. Timing was not on our side with the holiday season right around the corner. Our casino is still a money-maker and does a very good business, but cuts needed to be made to keep it operational during this down time in the economy. At this writing, the Government is waiting for the final numbers from the Resort to figure our 2009 budget. Let's hope that the elections on both the National level and within our Tribe, bring some positive changes. On a brighter note, our Tribal history book, *Our People, Our Journey*, has now gone to press and is expected to be ready for distribution sometime in April.

The Tribal Heath Department, (Diabetic Clinic) presented their new exercise video, *Maajiidaa*, in Washington DC and the presentation was well received. Look for more on this on the following pages. On November 21st, our Tribe held LRBOI Senior Day at our Muskegon offices to provide outreach services to area members. The event was well received by members. Chi Miigwetch to all who helped organize, and put this event on. It is my understanding that this will happen again at a later date because of the response. I want to wish everyone a safe, hopeful and peaceful holiday season this year. Miigwetch.

New Community Center Begin

For years now, there has been discussion on building a new Community Center for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians on tribal lands. This fall, construction actually began now that agreement on how the facility would look has been reached.

The Community Center is going to be located on Domres Road at the Northeast corner where you turn into the tribal housing area commonly referred to as "Aki."

Expected completion of the new facility is late February or early March, 2009. Be sure to watch your *Currents* for construction updates.



Artist conception



Attention all Tribal Members

If you are interested in joining any of the following Commissions or Committees please submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office with a copy going to the Tribal Council.

- 2 seats – Commerce Commission
- 2 seats – Gaming Commission
- 1 seat - Health Commission
- 2 seats – Binojeeuk

The Little River Casino Resort announced November 24th that due to the economic downturn being experienced in Michigan and the nation they are laying off 100 employees from the casino resort in Manistee. The layoffs are across the board at the casino and began today.

General Manager Michael Garrow said that, "We are accountable to the tribe to keep the business of this enterprise viable and to maintain customer service at the highest level. This is what the tribe expects from us and this is what our customers expect of us." He added that, "We are going through the same experience as other casinos in Michigan who have announced layoffs in recent months. We examined every possible way to avoid these layoffs and regret the necessity of this action which is being taken along with other cost saving measures. Little River has never had to layoff employees in the past, even during the historically slower winter months. We have al-

ways chosen to just absorb the additional costs. This speaks very highly of our commitment to our employees and customers but the times have finally caught up to us."

Tribal Ogema (Chief) Larry Romanelli said that, "We regret having to make this decision, especially at this time of the year. However, we are ultimately responsible to our tribal members to keep our various enterprises operating efficiently and profitably." Romanelli commented that, "We are thankful that our other tribal enterprises, such as the Trading Post and Muschigon Construction, are doing well and operating within our projections and expectations."

Romanelli also addressed the impact of these layoffs to the county. He said that, "The Little River Casino Resort is the largest employer in Manistee County and we take that leadership responsibility seriously. That's one reason that we held off as long as possible before making this

move to reduce the workforce."

The casino resort ordinarily employs approximately 950 employees year round, both hourly and salaried positions.

Office of Public Affairs

Candidate free submissions to *Currents*

Primary Election

Each candidate will be given an equal chance to address tribal members through the tribe's *Currents* newspaper.

Each candidate is invited to submit a 200 word article (Word count as shown in **Microsoft Word**) prior to noon on the 12th of December. They may also submit one digital photo to be included with their article(s).

Following the certification of candidates on December 12th, those who are certified will have their 200 word article with photo run in the issue of the *Currents* that will be distributed the week of the 15th of December, 2008.

The same candidates will then be offered another opportunity to submit a 200 word article for publication in the following *Currents* distributed approximately January 16th. They may opt to run the same article if they so chose. New articles will be accepted until January 12th at noon.

This schedule will allow candidates to deliver two separate messages to the membership prior to the Primary Election set for February 13th.

General Election

Following the Primary Election (and challenge deadline of February 20th), those candidates who are chosen to proceed to the General election will be given the opportunity to submit a 400 word article for the next *Currents*. Those candidates will have until noon on February 23rd to submit their article. The paper will be printed and distributed on or about February 26th.

The General Election Candidates will have a second opportunity to submit a 400 word article to go into the following *Currents* which will be distributed on or about March 23rd. They will need to have this second article submitted no later than noon on March 17th. This issue will arrive well before the General Election on April 24th.

Final Results announced

The next issue of the *Currents* will be distributed following the General Election (and challenge deadline). This issue will be out approximately May 4th, 2008.

Submissions may be addressed to: The Office of Public Affairs, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660 or sent directly to the Director via-email at gzarling@lrboi.com. Submissions will not be edited

but will be run as submitted by the candidates with the following proviso. No bad language; libelous or slanderous material will be accepted.

If such is submitted, the candidate will be allowed to submit an article that does not include such material by the published deadline. If they do not submit a substitute article, their name will still appear in the *Currents* as a candidate, but no article will be printed.

Government Closes for the following Holidays

- *New Years Day
- *Treaty Recognition Day
- *Memorial Day
- *Independence Day
- *Labor Day
- *Reaffirmation Day (September 21st)
- *Veteran's Day
- *Thanksgiving Day
- *Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- *Christmas Eve Day (Half Day)
- *Christmas Day



Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety.

Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities.

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Michael J. Ceplina

Bozhoo,
My name is Michael Ceplina. I am 51 years old,
married with 6 children. I'm son of Robert and
Lorraine (Pete) Ceplina. Grandson of Joseph
Pete and Josephine (Antoine)

Pete. I worked for a number of years in
Wisconsin. I moved to Manistee when took a job
at the casino as a security officer. I then went to work for the tribe at the
wastewater plant for over 4 years.

I'm also a Natural Resource Commissioner on my second term where
I've helped to ensure treaty rights for our members. Currently I work at
the casino as a surveillance operator. Some of the things I will work on
if elected:

Propose a resolution that has the Ogema and council work 40 hours a
week.

Work with the elders to see how we can help them out.

Have more programs for our children to encourage them to stay in
school and get a higher education.

Have more reporting done on the financial affairs of the tribe.

Look at more ways to help our members that reside outside of the nine
county area.

Work in getting renewable resources for the tribe so we can make
money.

Miigwetch,

Michael J. Ceplina

Tresa L. Hunley (McCaslin-Shawnoskey)

I am Biidwe Ankwad Que. I am Turtle Clan. Deverney,
Shagonaby, Perrissieu lineage. I am honored and fortunate,
through confidential assistance given and received, to learn
and share myself, my values, and morals with hundreds of our
people, personally and professionally. Miigwetch!

I worked in the Legal Department/Prosecutors Office,
becoming a Crime Victims Advocate, and Peacemaker. I was a
member of NALA (National Association of Legal Assistants) and
Michigan Bar of Paralegals. Some accomplishments include:
Elders Wills and Trusts; coordinated Victims Assistance Code
(drafted by Tribal Members/staff; however, a Uniform Code,
drafted by one non-native staff, presented and approved- OUR
DRAFT WAS NEVER PRESENTED); drafted a variety of
daycare proposals; pro-bono legal work; and coordinated a large
scale NA Artists presentation for Council. At GTB I was an
Anishnaabemowin Assistant under Elder Patricia Putney, where
I passed Program Directors Training. I was the second Program
Manager, nationwide, to successfully start a CMH/GTP pilot
program.

If elected, my focus will be on proposed legislation,
providing accountability, and prohibition of victimization of
our people and staff. Afterward, provide evidence to support
reawakening old issues and awaken issues currently neglected.
Knowledge bring power, power brings wisdom, wisdom is for
SHARING NOT SILENCING. Ahoo.



Virgil Johnson

Aanii, I'm Virgil Johnson, a candidate for the At Large Seat on council. We are in the midst of some very challenging times and the road to success begins with responsible leadership. As you read the entire list of candidate resume' you should ask yourself the following questions:

- Do the current candidates have the integrity to lead us through these difficult times?
- Does the candidates present themselves as humble and respectful person when speaking with others? (Grandfathers teachings)
- Are the current candidates completely honest with you or the membership?
- Is the current council member active in all legislative functions?

I invite you to visit my website www.virgilforcouncil.com There you will find information regarding my background to assist you in making an informed decision. I believe it's important for us to be completely informed about the candidates we are about to elect, especially to lead us through these difficult times. The website is a living document which I plan on updating regularly to respond to your questions. We're all tired of seeing what is going on with our legislative branch of government. We need REAL CHANGE and I'm asking for your vote

Miigwech, Virgil Johnson

Larry Olson



Aanii,
My name is Larry Olson, i am a tribal citizen running for the At-Large council seat. If elected i will serve and answer to each and every tribal citizen. I will talk to any tribal citizen who contacts me with their concern on how the tribe is being run. I am concerned on how the tribal government and casino is being run. If elected i have alot of question that need to be answered inwhich i will search them out. For example, why is the profit from the casino is so low. Could it be that the casino is over staffed and some are over paid? And i question the budget for the tribal government and where the money is being spent. And why are we spending \$800,000

of casino money on our police department? This money could be spent on tribal citizens in the way of Health Insurance, Per-Cap or as the tribal citizen choose. The tribal citizens need to have more say so on how our money is being spent. I would like all concern tribal citizen to contact me @ Mahiingunmakwa@hotmail.com or call me at (248)217-7848.

Miigwetch,
Larry Olson

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Shannon Paul Crampton



Aanii~

I want to thank my fellow tribal members for your support over the last 4 years and hopefully I've made you proud, as it has been an honor to serve you. I stand proudly on my voting record and representation of all members. I have fought very hard to keep my campaign promises and have achieved almost all, yet I am part of a body where majority rules. The

problems that exist in this tribe are known to all council and the Ogema the only thing lacking is the will to confront them. These problems continue in my opinion due to personal bias.

The number one problem is lack of communication to all the membership and the fact that the tribe is operating on a plan that was structured for a tribe with a centralized population.

I have stood accountable before you at all membership meetings in hopes of showing you leadership by example. I plead with the membership to read the minutes and judge me on my actions and not let the words of others with ulterior motives define me.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 231-264-6725

Respectfully~
Shannon Paul Crampton

Rita A. Gale



Aanii,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all our tribal members. I am Rita A. Gale.

I was born in Muskegon, Michigan to Roy and Gladys Vanas.

I am proud to state the fact that my Indian heritage came from my mothers side of the family; bring a mother's side of the family; being a Medacco and LaHaye decent.

I graduated from Orchard View High School.

I am a person of many trades, all of which I have done to the best of my ability and successfully.

I have been a wife, also a mother to four children, and a grandmother.

I have learned leadership and organizational skills. I was the owner of a trucking and excavating company, a Steven's Minister, a caregiver, and a cook and caterer.

I would like to be in the tribal council seat because I believe our people should have a voice on what happens before a decision is made that can affect all of us.

... Open communication and discussing the matter with as many tribal members as possible...

I promise to work to the best of my ability for the good of our tribal people.

Me Gwetch.

Office of Tribal Council At-Large

Elaine Porter



ANII, I would like to be a representative for all tribal citizens. I will honor and respect the office as well as all tribal citizens. All tribal citizens are equal and important I can look at the positive and make plans for the future of the tribe by following and respecting the seven grandfathers wisdom, truth, love, honesty, humility, respect and bravery. I will be a good candidate for this position.

I have nothing to gain except your respect by working for the good of the tribe and all tribal citizens. I am honest and fair minded. I am a team player. I can work with others and respect their ideas. I will fully and equally represent all tribal citizens. I have eight years on the job training, being fully aware of tribal laws concerning tribal issues. What I can bring to this position is honesty dedication willing to work for all tribal citizens. I will be at work every day to work for you.
kchi-miigwetch/thank you

ELAINE PORTER

Kimberly Alexander



My name is Kimberly Alexander. I am currently the nine-county representative to the tribal council.

During my term as your representative there are many accomplishments that I am proud of. These include legislation that I sponsored which has allowed tribal elders to obtain supplemental health insurance. I worked with tribal council to bring the per-cap plan to the membership.

During my term I have strived to be a steward of the tribes finances as well as its natural resources. I have pushed for greater accountability of the tribes money through third party audits, and strict budgeting that includes all the departments and the casino submitting modified budgets which show cuts in operating capital. I support continued tribal sovereignty through self regulating members hunting, fishing, and gathering rights without state interference.

If given the opportunity to continue serving the membership I would like to bring forward a prescription drug plan for all tribal citizens and human resources legislation which eliminates bias and favoritism in the hiring of tribal members.

I look forward to your vote as your candidate for tribal council of The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. If re-elected, I will continue to serve the citizens with dedication.

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Austen Brauker



My name is Austen Brauker and it is a great honor to announce that I am running for Tribal Council. In my life I have gathered many experiences that I feel will be a benefit for our Tribe. I have owned four small businesses, attended more than five full years of college at CMU and WSCC, built log homes from tree to trim, served on dozens of committees and boards, written two full length novels, plays and poetry. I have been a public l

ibrarian, a buffalo herd manager, done various counseling for youth and adults and even taught Tribal Junior High. I have ridden a bicycle over 550 miles over the Canadian Rockies. I have hunted deer and bear. I currently work at the Peacemaking Department in our Tribal Justice Center where I help to resolve conflicts and mediate disputes. I have helped organize a traditional drum group in our community. I use the cultural values of our ancestors and apply them to the modern world in which we currently live. I am very proud to serve our tribe and hope to meet the needs of our membership. I make a promise to put the needs of the people first.

Stan Bray



My name is Stan Bray and I have submitted my declaration of candidacy for a position on the tribal council. I am seeking a seat in the Nine County District. I have been a tribal member since Dec. of 1997. I am the grandson of the late Anna (Pabami) Bray. My grand mother's ancestors are the Cogswells on her mother's side and the Kelseys on her

father's side. I am a tribal elder and a member of the Warrior Society.

Since becoming a tribal member I've seen a lot of good ideas go by the way side and some not so good idea's initiated. It would seem to me that the tribal council would be conducting business as a business. I might be missing something here, because I've never seen or heard of a business plan for the tribe. Nothing appears to be projected out in a five year plan or any long term goals. My experience background is not from a political point of view, but my background does include management skills and a unique ability to fix things. I have a fresh mind and a huge desire to help make a difference.

Stan Bray
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Candace Chapman



I possess an A.A.S. Degree from Muskegon Community College with a background in business and criminal law. I have worked diligently for our people since 1999. In addition to serving as an Enrollment Commissioner and Education Committee Member, I first assisted our people as Community Relations Coordinator. I now serve in Muskegon as an Intake Specialist.

Communication, accountability and solid business practices are still in need of immediate attention. Strong leadership and commitment that does not waver to politics is required. Timely research, assessment and implementation of incontrovertible legislation are crucial to setting the precedent for undeniable accountability. Securing irrefutable communication for membership is key. It's going to take more than just words to make things happen. One must invest quality time, great effort and possess the necessary skill and mindset to create responsible legislation. I am up to the task. My experiences have allowed me to identify governmental shortcomings and more importantly the needs of our people. I am skilled at composing policies and procedures, and dedicated to achieving results. I vow to ALWAYS remember that the position I seek is one of service and not merely stature. Together we have a voice. Thank you for your consideration.

Alex David Cogswell



Boozhoo. My name is Alex Cogswell. I am a member of the Little River Band.

I am now announcing my candidacy for tribal council. First, I speak the truth from my heart. I am a Native man for Native people.

In January of 2008, the preference employees at the casino totaled 18% currently, there is 9% this is unacceptable. There must be change. What will be is in your hands. You must vote.

I have three-member block of candidates, including Sharron Detz and Chuck King. They possess highly qualified skills to be successful in taking our government back.

There must be change.

Your per-capita check is in jeopardy! The employment of select families must stop. Nearly \$1,000,000 in bonuses were given out in 2007. One hundred employees were recently laid off from the casino.

My priority is change, including mandatory preference hiring, and ensuring that you receive the proper amount of per-capita.

No more improper Tribal Council closed sessions, complete disclosure of finances to all tribal members. Transparency is mandatory. There must be change. What will be is in your hands on election day. There is one aim, one direction, one destiny, one Little River Band, one Creator. Your Humble Servant, Alex.

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Bradley J. Compeau



Aani, I have been working at the casino for nearly a year, partly for the casino and currently for the government. In my time here as an employee of the casino and the government I have seen and heard disturbing things that have hurt the reputations of the tribe and the casino. Some of

these rumors are just that, rumors, but others are accurate.

The only truth is that certain individuals have stolen from our tribe and the casino, thus they have stolen from you and I, and this needs to end now. The time of looking the other way needs to stop here before the tribe and its enterprises fall into ruin. The millions of dollars that are lost have left the tribe poor and the casino in disarray. The recent layoffs, due to lack of funds, has hurt not only those workers that are lost, but our local economy as well. Local business owners I've spoken with are afraid that they will have to close down due to bad economics. Manistee and all of its' people, tribal or not, are in trouble. We need to reinvest into our town before it's too late to turn it around.

Sharron Detz



Boozhoo. My name is Sharron Detz, daughter of Wynona Mae Micko (Fountain) and Charles Cogswell (Hart). Both my parents were members of Grand River. I am announcing my candidacy for Tribal Council.

First, I would like to say that my intentions are to be directed towards the well-being of all of our membership. We have elders in food lines begging for food. We have members who cannot pay their rent, utilities and therefore have no heat. Our children are not being taken care of adequately. A beggar nation can never reach its highest form of spirituality. There must be change or we will cease to exist as a nation of people. The outcome of this election will determine our destiny. You must vote.

I am not running by myself. I am partnering with Alex Cogswell and Chuck King. To be effective and successful, we must be elected together. One person cannot make changes alone. To be efficient and to be able to make beneficial changes **for all tribal members**, we need enough like-minded individuals working together. What we have now is select families reaping all the benefits. Let's move forward. Please go to www.sharrondetz.com for more information. Thank-you for your consideration.

Chuck King

Hello,

My name is Chuck King and I am running for Nine County Tribal Council. I am a Tribal Elder of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and grandson of Anthony- Alvinia Chingman of Pentwater Michigan. I was born and raised in Lansing Michigan where I attended Lansing Community. After relocating to the Manistee area, I attended Westshore Community College in Scottville majoring in Criminal Justice Business Management. I currently work at Little River Casino- Resort in the hotel as a Guest Service Supervisor. I have worked in various fields in Law Enforcement throughout my lifetime. I retired as corrections officer for the State of Michigan serving 20 years. I have held several positions with the State of Michigan, Sexual Harassment Coordinator, Prisoner Programs Counselor, Policy-Procedures Committee, and Michigan Corrections Organization Representative.

I have new ideas and great expectation to excel the tribe to new heights. If elected to serve on the Tribal Council I would work to bring CHANGE to the resources for the tribe and to preserve the life of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians for years to come.

CHANGE- Casino- Health Care- Assistance (Elders, Members, Children)- Natural Resources Preservation- Government Reform- Education.

Pamela S. Medahko

Boozhoo,

I greet you in a good way.



Since Tribal Recognition we have progressed as a Tribe and yet we still need to succeed with future endeavors by engaging in careful strategic planning. But first we need to get beyond the struggle that is going on between dignity and servitude. fairness and injustice. commitment and indifference. I will not cede the values of my Native heritage as tradition permeates a Tribe. Just as keeping the family together falls on the shoulders of the oldest, the fiduciary responsibility of the Tribe falls upon the shoulders of the Tribal Council. I am willing to lead with kindness, compassion, authenticity, understanding without malice, and courage.

Elected officials have the responsibility of being in the service of others. I served on Tribal Council from 2001-2005. I was liaison for state and federal affairs. an alternate for the National Congress of American Indians. chaired the Binojeeuk Commission. worked on state educational issues regarding Michigan history and attended quarterly Tribal Summits which included submission of agenda items.

Taking an Oath of Office is very serious. I accept this responsibility with honor if elected. Your consideration of support for candidacy is greatly appreciated!
Megwetch

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Steven W. Kequom



Boozhoo, Aanii Anishnaa Nadinjikaaz Punceez.

Hello, my name is Steve Kequom, veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

I am from the Muskegon Area and reside in the Grand Rapids area.

As a young warrior, I played softball for the Grand River Warriors made up of all Native Americans. I received a certificate in Tool & Die from Muskegon Community College, with various types of technical courses. Worked at innovated organization such as Steelcase and Lake Affect Tool. Founded Randy's Stamp Grinding in 1992 that is still in operation. I participate in sweat lodges, Pow Wows and veterans ceremonies all over the state. My upbringing included protecting our young, respecting our ladies, and taking care of the elders. By taking the wisdom and passing it down to the learning minds. I will visit different towns to keep our people informed on tribal matters, also push for more education such as travel tutors for our students. If elected, some council pedestals. If I do remind me whom I am Anishinaabee or remember the boarding schools.

Steve Parsons



My name is Steve Parsons and I am running as a nine-county representative for Tribal Council. First, megwetch for giving me the chance to serve this Tribe.

In these unprecedented economic times, we are fortunate that three of our Tribal enterprises remain successful. Yet, due to declining casino revenues, our Tribe is also

experiencing a significant decrease in funds.

To responsibility respond to this situation, I propose the following:

We must honestly and seriously examine the organizational structures of Tribal Government and Casino operations to maximize their effectiveness and efficiency. Given the present economic climate, our per capita payment rate must remain at its current level until we can, in good conscience, responsibly raise it.

We must renew our commitment to economic diversification by continuing to develop and support successful small businesses such as the Little River Trading Post and Muschigon Construction Company. These businesses provide additional revenue to the Tribe, and more importantly, training and employment for Tribal members.

As a Tribe, it's critical we meet the needs of our people. I am committed to working with our Members, our Tribal Council, and our Ogema to meet these challenges. I would appreciate your support in the upcoming election.

Janine Sam

Janine Sam is seeking election as a 9 County Representative. Her past record on Tribal Council includes creating member assistance programs like the Energy Relief Act that paid heating bills for all members. She also sponsored the Gas Card program that gave members money for fuel when gas prices were so high, and helped create the Extended Healthcare Assistance for members outside of the 9 Counties & Michigan, to help pay healthcare costs.

Janine is dedicated to her family and to her People. She has spent most of her adult life serving her community in many positions, and continues to do so. Janine believes that Council members must be at work every day, attending every work session, so that all members can be equally represented! Janine has over 10 years experience in Public Administration and Tribal Government, with over 5 years experience in Business Management and Finance. Janine has the skills and dedication necessary to serve your interests on the Tribal Council.

Even with per cap in place, there is still more work to be done! If you want a Representative that will work hard, has experience, and is dedicated to the People, vote for Janine M. Sam -9 County Representative.

Ed Walters

Aanii,
My name is Ed Walters.

Education:

Bachelors: Accounting

Masters: Information Resource Management

A few important issues facing our membership that need immediate attention are:

- Communication between our leaders and the membership
- Instilling ideas and opinions of the membership concerning major issues as opposed to informing us after the fact
- Realizing that our economy is in a condition not seen as bad since the Great Depression, and figuring out ways to help the membership survive this situation
- Accountability

We have as a membership an opportunity that many Americans do not. We have a steady stream of income to benefit a group of people. I feel we need to run our tribe as a business to take advantage of this situation.

I can promise as a council member hard work. I currently live outside of Detroit, but if elected I will move to the Manistee area to dedicate my time and effort to the membership. My main goals will be to maintain our culture, provide for the future goodwill and viability of our tribe, listen not dictate, and most importantly to help our membership now when we need it.

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 - Constitution Updates
 - Elected Officer Accountability
 - Economic Diversification

My Beliefs

- Help all tribal members get loans to start a business.
- DIVERSIFY our economic plans. If the Casino loses \$, people lose jobs and we get less per cap.
- Update our constitution so ALL registered voters vote for ALL elected officials and make recall procedures easier to remove the incompetent.

During my First 90 days in office

- I'll use the "Officials Activity Report" I designed to provide membership with consistent, detailed information about my council work. I will introduce this procedure to other councilors hoping they too will account for their activity to membership.
- Membership Information Service: I will develop a data base to show Council voting records, resolutions, attendance, etc. so tribal members get vital information fast and easy.
- I will introduce legislation to ensure Council meeting minutes are approved and posted within 14 days of a meeting completion.

Please see my website or call me for further information about my experience, education and tribal goals. Thank you for your vote.

Office of Tribal Council -- Outlying

Chuck Fisher



CHUCK FISHER is a former Little River Tribal Council Member and very well-qualified to receive your out-lying vote in the upcoming tribal election. As a child, he lived in the Manistee and Freesoil areas, but the family had to move to an urban area (Detroit) in order to make a living; they regularly returned to the general area over many years and eventually again made it home while the Tribe was seeking federal reaffirmation.

Out-lying area tribal members have the right to expect their representative to work in their interests every day and attend all of the Council's work sessions and meetings – actually, this must be done in order to truly advocate for those who have a limited voice in tribal affairs. As a college graduate with a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology (and graduate school work in social work, applied sociology, grant-writing, gerontology and research), Chuck's educational background and years of experience working for the Tribe uniquely qualify him for this important trust. This background has also helped prepare him to meet the many, many challenges that face the Tribe, the outcomes of which will have great impact on the well-being of the Tribe and all tribal members/citizens.

Margery Lutz



My name is I Marge Lutz and I would be extremely **HONORED** to represent you on Tribal Council. My goal is to represent "the people"

- Distribute **MAXIMUM BENEFITS** to Little River Ottawa Indians (Per Capita Payments, more grants to benefit young and old)
- Hold Tribal Leadership **ACCOUNTABLE to Membership** (institute a code of ethics to be outlined in the Constitution)

- Promote **PROFITABLE, MONEY-MAKING** Investments (Muskegon Casino, other business)

I am an Elder who has held various positions on the Elders Committee. For five years I have served on the Enrollment Commission, the last three years as the Chairperson. I have never had a problem with the law. I want to make sure that our tribe does not waste money on bad investments, and we make wise choices that will benefit our children and grandchildren for many years to come. I am proud to be an Ottawa Indian. My grandparents were Nancy Fitch, Charlie Wabindato and Minnie Negake. I want to see our tribe and culture preserved. I enjoy making quill earrings, shawls, jingle dresses, ribbon shirts, and beaded leatherwork. Please vote for me, MARGE LUTZ.
MEGWETCH

Rick Sprague Big Thunder

I believe we shall accept no less then 51% or a percentage on revenue shares to be determined at a later date on all properties at racetrack and related parcels.

I also propose divided profits to be decided by contributors, or to whomever

is decided in common. For a profitable venture we let the parties determine when they are ready to approach us with a reasonable offer. I believe there are simple solutions in Gov communication. I agree Gov and Casino need restructuring. I live outside the 9 county area and pledge to work on your behalf seven days a week if needed to serve. I will be diligent in responding to every question that I can answer truthfully with integrity. I support an ammended Constitution I believe amendments (Sep issue 2008) is flawed. I support 3 branches of Gov as the way to ensure checks and balence in Gov. or as a Council enity UNITED for change. I am christian by values, GOD bless America God Bless LRBOI. let us work together and heal our Community.

rick sprague big thunder

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Sandy Lempke-Mezeske



Aanii,
My name is Sandra J. Lempke-Mezeske, Tribal Elder and I am running for the Tribal Council Outlying seat. I have pondered on what campaign promises I can make to you but decided that I cannot make promises because if elected I would be 1 of 9. I can however, make commitments. The first is to listen to the thoughts and suggestions of those that I serve, read all information that is presented and secondly

to always vote with my heart because every vote affects the whole membership. I have no problem submitting to a drug screen, background check, and punching a time clock. I believe with all that I am that we are in dire need of change if our Nation is to survive. We are a Nation in crisis; with jealousy, greed and unkindness running rampant. LRBOI needs caring, respectful, common sense people on our Tribal Council. I am not perfect, I can make mistakes, but I care deeply for this Tribe and would like the chance to help it get back to what is important. There will be more about me, my beliefs, and ideas for change in the next edition of the Currents.
Sandy Lempke-Mezeske

Office of Tribal Court Chief Judge

Daniel T. Bailey

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My name is Daniel Bailey. I am a full blooded Little River Band Tribal Elder and have been your Chief Judge for approximately 10 years.

Today I come to ask for your support in the upcoming election for Chief Judge.

In the past you have trusted me to not only be your Chief Judge but to help seek Federal Recognition. I went to Washington DC to meet with Senators and Congressmen.

I spoke for you at two Senate select committee Hearings. And you trusted me to represent you at the meeting with President Bill Clinton for the signing of our Federal Recognition Bill.

It has been suggested to me to let someone out of jail that I had to put there, because it would look bad for me in the election, because the person comes from a large family. My answer to that is everyone gets equal treatment. I have never judged a Tribal member but I have judged their actions that brought them before the courts. My decisions are not based on popularity but ethics.

It has been a privilege serving you and I hope you will trust me once again.

Respectfully,
Chief Judge Daniel T. Bailey

Office of Tribal Appellate Court Judge (Licensed Attorney)

Melissa L. Pope

Melissa L. Pope is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan. She has served in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court as a Special Chief Justice and as a Visiting Judge of the trial court. Melissa has been involved with the American Indian Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan since shortly after the Section was established. She has served twice as the Chair and is currently the Secretary-Treasurer, as well as the Editor of the Section's newsletter.

Melissa is an Adjunct Faculty at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law where she teaches the American Indian Law class and the practicum. In the winter term of 2008, her American Indian Law Practicum students worked with the LRBOI Tribal Court to assist the Court with drafting rules of evidence and jury procedures. She previously taught the Federal Indian Law class and the seminar at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Melissa is the former staff attorney at the Women's Survival Center of Oakland County where she represented indigent victims of domestic violence in family law matters. She currently works with victims of hate crimes at the Triangle Foundation.

Marcella Leusby

Marcella Leusby is seeking the Appellate Court-Elder Position. She is the Granddaughter of Mitchell and Gertie Pete.

Marcella has previously served public office when she was a Council member during the early 1990's, serving on one of the first organized Tribal Councils after the Federal Reaffirmation process. Marcella is currently employed as a secretary for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, but she also has worked in other departments, including accounting.

Marcella offers the wisdom that comes with being an Elder, the knowledge of governmental experience, and the practical experience of serving tribal members. She believes in justice and equality, and considers the opportunity to serve as an Appellate Judge one of great responsibility.

Marcella Leusby has been an active member of the Little River Band Community, and if elected, will serve her position impartially, fairly, and with respect.

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Joseph J. LaPorte



Aanii, my name is Joseph J. LaPorte and I am running for the Office of Appellate Judge, (Tribal Elder).

It has been my position throughout my entire career that no matter the name or affiliations everyone deserves to be treated with respect and as an equal with

all rights afforded to them

My career has afforded me the opportunity to be a part of the judicial system for 34 years, from Tribal Court, State and Federal Court. I have had to make some tough decisions but, have never backed away from doing so. I have always done my research and evaluated each case in its entirety before reaching a decision.

If elected I will continue to adhere to that philosophy and assure those that file an appeal that a decision would be rendered without any undue delay.

M.....Joseph J. LaPorte

Office of Election Board

Diane A. Lonn

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My name is Diane A. Lonn; I am running for a position on the Election Board. My Grandfather was James Koon and my Great Grandfathers were Joe Koon and Pete Espiew. I am married and have three children, as well as five active grandchildren, all girls.

I have worked as the Enrollment Officer for the tribe since 1993 when we only had three employees, in 1999, I moved to the casino and worked for the General Manager there, then in 2004, I returned to the tribe and the position of Enrollment Office. I am continuing my education, and will soon receive by Bachelors in Business Administration from Ferris.

Since 1993, I have been on various committees, Constitution, Election Board, Land Acquisition and Health Board. I have worked as a volunteer on the Pow Wows as well as the Children's Christmas Parties and other events.

I have integrity, experience and work ethics and would be an asset to the Election Board.

Diane A. Lonn

Office of Tribal Council - 9-County

Gary Paul DiPiazza

Gary DiPiazza tribal # 4485

Descendant of Joseph and Eliza Kelsey

Honored to be a member of the little river band of Ottawa Indians.

I am running for one of the open nine county seats.

I was raised on the banks of the Grand River instilled with the traditions of my Ancestors.

I believe that all elders should be heard and treated with the highest respect. It is now their time to sit back and enjoy the knowledge that they have passed onto me.

I have been married 26 years, I am the father of two wonderful girls, and two grandchildren.

I have been in the Auto industry for 30 years. I took great pride in my work and the ability to deal with the public as well as my problem solving skills.

I feel it is my time to share my knowledge, listening skills, and ability to get things done.

Miig-Wetch Gary DiPiazza

Bill Anderson



Aanii, my name is Bill Anderson (born Bill Sikorski). I am a 42 year old resident of Manistee. My wife and I moved here 2 years ago from Paw Paw, Michigan. Since relocating, I have opened and operated the Port City Grille in Downtown Manistee. Previously, my employment consisted of being part of a management team for a restaurant group in Southwest Michigan.

Here are three issues that are hot topics for Tribal citizens

that need to be addressed:

- Constitution – the most I hear is quorum requirements for vote
- Commitment – Tribal Council is a full-time paid position. It requires full-time attendance.
- Muskegon Casino – If planned right, can be a very profitable venture for the Tribe.

There are many more issues that need to be addressed. Such as accurate communication to Tribal Citizens! With the right cast of Tribal Council, these issues could be resolved in a timely manner.

I look forward to and encourage you to call me and discuss your concerns. I can be reached at 231-398-0435. If I am unavailable at that time, please leave a message and I will return your call.

I wish you all a very blessed holiday season,

Sincerely, Bill Anderson

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Margery Lutz	Sandy Lempe-Meserke
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Martha Kase	

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One Urban Perspective

The election of Barack Obama took me back to my eighth-grade American history class. Both occurrences were defining moments in my life.

I remember sitting in class one day decades ago reading the Declaration on Independence. I read Thomas Jefferson's words calling American Indians "merciless Indian Savages whose known rule of warfare..." in the document. This same man who stated in the Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal" told the world what he thought of American Indians.

Since that time, I never have given a blank check to those who purport the United States to be the greatest nation on Earth. I still cringe when elected officials or ministers declare we have to get back to the principles of the "founding fathers".

Perhaps it is my Indianness. We know our history. We are survivors in spite of concerted efforts to eradicate our ancestors off the face of our land.

Perhaps, I watched too much of the mini-series "Roots" that told the story of America that allowed for the ownership and beatings of slaves.

Perhaps it was my knowledge of recent struggles American Indians face in contemporary times to hold on to Indian sovereignty.

Our reality is: No matter how educated we get, no matter how much money we attain, American Indians, African Americans and Latinos still struggle for parity in a democracy controlled by the rich.

So it was I did not anticipate the emotions I felt on election night. As I sat there waiting to find out who the nation's next president will be, my maleness kept me switching channels to find out what network anchor would make the announcement.

Then at eleven p.m., I sat in my family room with tears streaming down my cheeks as all the networks declared Barack Obama, a son of white mother and son of a Kenyan, the 44th President of the United States.

Whether you are a Democrat or Republican, rich or poor, as an American Indian you

witnessed the Constitution of the United States worked on November 4, 2008.

In conversations with my children who are young adults living in Chicago, we discussed on it was one of the greatest nights in the history of these United States.

I told my son the next day when he called me from Chicago, "Finally, America has lived up to its Constitution."

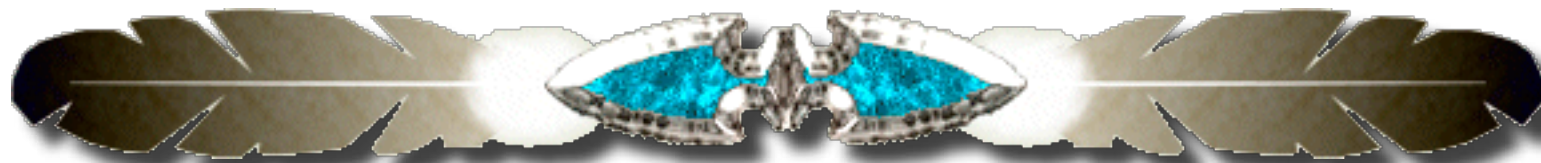
Several of my African American friends told me they wept for their parents, grandparents, family members who were no longer here to witness this historic event.

No one can remake history per se, but my hope is American Indians can participate in this new day in America.

Finally!

Levi Rickert is a tribal member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and former executive director of the North American Indian Center of Grand Rapids.

By
Levi Rickert – Potawatomi



Shop with a Cop

There is a nice tradition in Manistee around Christmas time. It is called 'Shop With A Cop.' Each year after Thanksgiving, members of area law enforcement units get together to help area children and give them a hand with their shopping for Christmas. The Tribal Public Safety Department had several officers join with those from the City Police, County Sheriff, Corrections and others in the event at Kmart. Each officer takes a \$100 gift card (donated from charitable groups) and accompanies a young person as they go up and down the aisles of the store, looking to fill up Santa's stockings and make a pile under the Christmas tree. They run the calculator and help load the carts and then, like Santa's sleigh, head for the checkout. This event is also a nice one because it is a positive interactive experience with a Law Enforcement Officer. The young ones learn that the Officers really are the 'Good Guys' as they try to help people.

Article by Currents Staff



Bailey Sworn in at GTB

News from Peshawbestown
On Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., the newly elected Tribal Chairman, Derek J. Bailey, was sworn into office at the Leelanau Sands Showroom. Congratulations to Chairman Bailey from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

The game of Snowsnake is a traditional Woodland First Nation winter sport. The Snowsnake, when thrown along a track, can travel up to a mile if conditions are ideal. Years ago, the snakes were thrown along roadways, or over frozen rivers, along fence rows or wherever there was an accumulation of snow. The track was introduced to the game about the turn of the century.

The skill of the Snowsnake maker, who is called a *shiner*, is extremely important in producing a winning Snowsnake. Equally important is how the Snowsnake is selected and prepared for each game once it is made. Each process taken to prepare the snake for competition may be repeated as many times as desired, depending on the requirements of the individual. There are two types of snakes; the short snakes are called *Mudcats* and are approximately three feet long, and the *Longsnakes* are approximately seven feet long.

Selecting the Wood

The maker selects a young hickory, ironwood, hard maple or juneberry tree because these types of hardwood are more adaptable to the manufacturing of a Snowsnake. Other kinds of fine grain hardwood can also be used. The type of Snowsnake and the amount produced are determined by the size of the tree and the straightness of grain. The diameter of the tree can be from 8 to 10 inches.

Depending on each maker's personal technique, the wood may either be left whole for one year with the ends greased, or split into sections to dry, or soaked in linseed oil for a period of six months to a year. However, snakes are not always soaked in oil. It may not be soaked until the snake has been completed. If the snake has not run satisfactorily under a variety of snow conditions, then the snake may then be soaked in oil and is referred to as *oiledsnake*. It is then water repellent and heavier than usual. This snake would then be used for wet snow conditions, and could also be used under other weather conditions depending upon the ability of the individual shiner.

Building the Track

In order to build a Snowsnake track, there must be sufficient snow on the ground so that the start of the track, or *pitch hole*, can be made. This is accomplished by piling and packing the snow until it reaches a height of approximately thirty inches. Snow is piled in a straight line and gradually decreased until it is just above ground level. Snow is cleared away from the pitch hole so it is easier for the Snowsnake thrower to run before throwing the snake down the track.

When there is enough snow piled and packed, a log of approximately four inches in diameter and

twenty feet long is placed on the snow pile, trunk first. The log is slid back and forth until the track reaches a depth of five to six inches. A wire and a small stick are attached to the log so that it may be pulled up and dropped to make the track more firm whenever it is necessary. While the men are dragging the log, others are piling the snow along the track as a means of assurance against any unexpected warm temperature. Then the log is drawn back towards the pitch hole, making the track firmer and smoother. The track is now ready for the game to begin.



How the Snowsnake is Thrown

Throwers vary in their styles of throwing a Snowsnake. The snake may be thrown overhand, underhand, or with a side-arm pitch. The thrower proceeds to the pitch hole at his chosen rate of speed. The thrower must be well balanced when he throws. As he is running to the track his free arm maintains the proper balance. A player will usually wear baseball spikes for traction on the snow and leather gloves for a solid grip on the snake. Just before he nears the track, he raises the snake slightly so that it will be high enough for release. The thrower must then follow through with his shot, otherwise, the snake may only travel a short distance or the thrower may injure himself by holding back.

Steel wool or a piece of glass is used to polish the snake, giving it a smooth surface. The snake is then washed in clear water and because wood is porous, it expands when wet, forcing the splinters to stand out. The snake is then dried and sanded again with fine steel wool or sandpaper. As this process is repeated, the snake will expand less and less, making it more water resistant each time.

The most important aspect of the Snowsnake is the balance. The weight or balance at either the tip or end is a major factor when choosing a snake for varying

weather conditions. When the desired shape of the Snowsnake is obtained, a melted lead solution is poured through a paper funnel into a carved area on the tip. This is allowed to set and harden, then carved and sanded smooth to form an arrow-like point. The lead tip serves as added weight and protects the point from splitting. At the opposite end, a u-shaped finger groove is carved which gives the player a firm grip when throwing.

After this process, shellac is applied to the snake. Since the shellac also keeps out moisture which slows the snake down, more is applied on dry, cold days or when there is fresh snow. For certain weather conditions and to increase speed, wax may be rubbed on sparingly but evenly over the shellac.

Once the Snowsnake goes through the time consuming process of preparation, it may be used repeatedly for small, local games. When an important game or tournament comes up, the shellac and wax can be scraped off with a knife or steel wool and prepared over again. One shiner might take twenty or thirty Snowsnakes to a competition since the track conditions can change within minutes, requiring a differently prepared snake.

How the Game is Played

There is no limit to the number of teams that may enter a game, but each team is allowed only four throws each. The shiner, standing at the end of the track, marks the distance where the lead tip comes to a stop. To win the game a team must acquire four points. One point is awarded to the Snowsnake that travels the farthest; two points if the second farthest Snowsnake is from the same team. A game *out* is called if all four of one team's Snowsnakes are first, second, third and fourth, respectively.

If a thrower misses the track or the Snowsnake jumps the track, the Snowsnake cannot be thrown again and the player misses this turn. At each game the participants decide on certain guidelines; these may change with each tournament. To make the tournament more interesting, each team might put in a certain amount of money and the winning team takes all.

Friday after Thanksgiving will be designated as day of tribute

WASHINGTON — The National Indian Gaming Association acknowledges the passing into law of H. J. Res. 62, which designates the Friday after Thanksgiving as Native American Heritage Day 2008.

The Native American Heritage Day 2008 Bill, which is supported by the National Indian Gaming Association, National Congress of American Indians, (NCAI) and Indian tribes across the country, encourages the people of the United States, as well as the federal, state and local governments and interested groups and organizations to observe Native American

Heritage Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities. The Resolution was introduced by Congressman Joe Baca (D-CA) and Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI) who helped move the Resolution through the Senate.

NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr. said, "This is a great moment for Indian country. Signing this bill into law officially recognizes,

remembers and formally celebrates the history, achievements and certainly the major contributions to the American democracy by Native America. "This law encourages the United States to honor Native America by celebrating Native American Heritage Day in all of your communities as a way to create stronger public awareness and understanding of Indian country, our culture, traditions, language and the strength, honor and patriotism, of our people."

Chairman Stevens praised Congressman Baca and Senator Inouye who were instrumental in the passage of this act in the 110th Congress. He also commended the efforts of NCAI and President Joe Garcia for joining NIGA in this effort.

The Native American Heritage Day Act 2008 • Designates Friday, November 28, 2008, as Native American Heritage Day • Encourages the people of the United States, as well as federal, state and local governments and interested groups and organizations, to observe such day with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities, including activities related to:

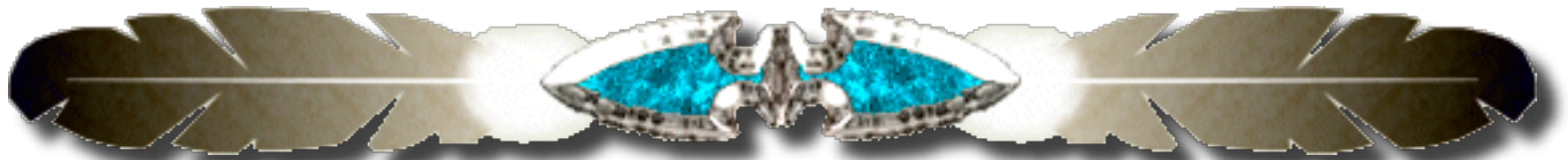
- The historical status of Native American tribal governments as well as the present day status of Native Americans;

- Native American cultures, traditions and languages; and

- The rich Native American cultural legacy Presidents, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush signed proclamations designating the month of November as Native American Heritage Month in previous years. Passage and signing H.J. Res. 62, establishes into law for the year 2008 an official day of remembrance and recognition of Native Americans.

NIGA Executive Director Mark Van Norman said, "Native Americans have been seeking a day of recognition since 1912. This day honors the original Native Americans, their strengths, wisdom and fight for freedom, and it recognizes the continued vitality and beauty of the Native American cultures."

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Senator Harry Reid Statement Native American Heritage Month and Friday, November 28, 2008 as "Native American Heritage Day"

Mr. President, I am pleased that the president has proclaimed November as National American Indian Heritage Month and Congress has designated November 28, 2008 as Native American Heritage Day.

This is the time when our country traditionally offers thanks for the bounty and protections we enjoy. This year, Congress and the President have chosen to specifically acknowledge and be thankful for the contributions and achievements of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians. Together, we have called on federal, state, and local governments, and others to come together to celebrate and share with one another the cultures, traditions and languages of more than 500 tribes.

In my home state of Nevada, our tribes represent three distinct cultures and languages Paiute, Shoshone, and Washoe. Throughout my career, I have promoted programs and education efforts to preserve these native languages and others and expand cultural programs for children, young adults and elders. Nevada's tribal leaders and youth tell me this cultural exchange with tribal member and with those

in their school and local communities bridges differences and leads to individual success. Nevadans can be proud of our state's diversity.

And, while Nevada's 26 tribes are distinct, they share goals common to nearly all sovereigns- to care for their people, to keep them safe, to help them prosper, to protect and use their resources wisely, to engage in the larger world while being mindful of their histories.

During this session, the Senate worked with tribal leaders and advocates and our colleagues in the House to help tribes achieve these goals. Working together, we reauthorized the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination.

Where there is vision, the people live. They are made rich in the things of the spirit; and then, as the logical next step, they are rich in human life.
--Phil Lane, Sr., YANKTON SIOUX

Since the beginning of time, Indian people have been blessed with the ability and knowledge of the vision.

The vision determines our future. The concept is, we move toward and become that which we think about. We have known that all visions are about the Great Spirit. They should include God's will in every area of our lives. We should have visions about our people, about healthy relationships, about helping others, about being happy, about being educated. Each day we should renew our vision. We should ask the Creator to give us a vision of what He wants us to be and where He wants us to go in our lives. We should be the seekers of vision.

Great Spirit, give me a vision to follow today.
Let me do Your will.

Binojinnhak (Children)

Decorated Party Hat

Get ready for the big New Year's celebration by making this fun and festive party hat that you can wear!

What you'll need:

What you'll need:

- 1 sheet of yellow craft foam
- 2 large feathers, pink and blue
- Handful of craft jewels, large and medium
- Wide ribbon
- Hot glue gun
- Scissors



Tips:

Foam sheets come in a large variety of colors at your local craft supply store. Some hat crafts suggest stapling the hat together. We don't recommend this as staples can scratch the skin and can also pull hair causing unintentional tears. Feathers are available at your local craft supply store, usually in large variety packages.

How to make it:

Roll foam into a cone shape. Manipulate to fit child's head. Glue and trim where needed. Glue feathers to the outside of the hat. Glue ribbon around the bottom section of the hat, covering the bottom of the feathers. Glue craft jewels onto hat, decorating however you like.

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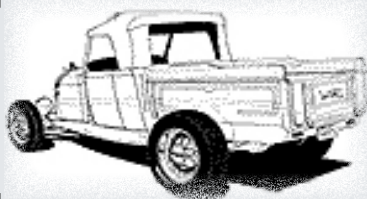
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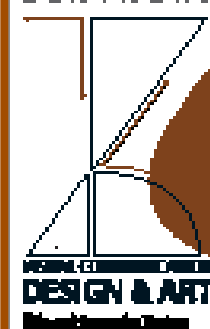
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Muschigon Construction Board Openings

The Tribal Ogema, Larry Romanelli, is seeking
Tribal Members interested in serving on the
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Attention Membership I wanted to write to you to let you know about a very special program, sponsored by the Family services department of the tribal Government called, Positive Indian Parenting. We have, for the past 8 weeks, been attending and I feel we have grown dramatically as a couple and as future parents. We had originally took the class because we are attempting to become foster parents through the Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency and we felt we needed to learn more about being parents before becoming one. My partner and I found this class to, not only, teach things about positive parenting, but also taught a lot of lessons in how to incorporate our culture into mainstream ideas of parenting. This class is in no way making judgments as to the ways that you may parent, but is a way to for you learn about the history of parenting as Ottawa people. Shelly Kequam and Kathy Lagerquist were the leaders of the group from Family services and I can not say enough about them. They really did a lot of research and training with this program. They spoke eloquently about their parenting history, their lives and their families. We talked about how natives have parented traditionally and how other people in the group parent in this modern time. We talked about modern issues of punishment and praise, traditional

and non traditional ways to communicate to children, the power of nature, medicine bags, cradle boards, baby hammocks, how to find unity in our personal relationships as well as with our children and the importance teaching our culture to the young. This class was outstanding and I highly recommend it to anyone that has children in their life or is thinking about becoming parents, it really is a worth while program. So please contact Family Services in Muskegon or in Manistee to find out how to become a part of the next session of Positive Indian Parenting.



Transportation Plan Available

The Planning Department LRBOI Long Range Transportation Final draft will be posted on the tribal website (www.lrboi.com) for 30 day comment. Notice of public meeting will be held on January 6th 2009 @ 3pm in the Dome Room

Workforce Development is a new program that was started to help our tribal members become more viable in the workplace, as well as to help find employment. I have just been hired as the Workforce Development Specialist, so I know how hard it can be to find work. The upside to this is there are many programs available to you to help bring down the barriers to your long term employment goals. In this position, I have the ability to pass my knowledge of how to make a possible employee more marketable to employers, while using the resources of Workforce Development, MI Works, and Vocational Rehab; through on-the-job training, education opportunities, GED and job search coaching, etc.

I would like to extend an invitation to you to call or email me and set a time to talk in depth about your current needs from the Workforce development program. Please email at dmccintyre@lrboi.com or call 1-888-723-8288 ex 6842.

Dates Work Force Development will be in Muskegon from 9:30am-3:30pm at the Muskegon Tribal Office

November 10, 2008	December 2, 2008	January 6, 2009
November 13, 2008	December 4, 2008	January 8, 2009
November 20, 2008	December 11, 2008	January 15, 2009
November 25, 2008	December 16, 2008	January 20, 2009
	December 18, 2008	January 22, 2009
	December 30, 2008	January 29, 2009

The remaining weekdays will be spent in Manistee in the Bank Building.

Comments or thoughts.

Hello, we, the Health Commission would like to hear from you.

Please take a moment to give us your thoughts/ideas of what you think of the clinic. We want to know what you think: the good and the bad. Thank you

Please email to: healthcommission@lrboi.com

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Tax-Exempt Motor Fuel Quota

Notice to Tribal Members: Effective January 1, 2009, the tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 125 gallons per Tribal member.

It's Income Tax Filing Season

The Tax Office of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians would like to make Tribal members aware of some programs that can reduce your tax liability or actually return money to your household. The first is the Resident Tribal Member annual sales tax refund which is limited to Resident Tribal Members only. Another program is the federal Earned Income Credit for low income taxpayers. New this year is the Michigan Earned Income Credit. Details for these programs are listed below.

It's Time to Check your W-4 Status

Income tax time is a good time to check your W-4 withholding amounts. If you owe state or federal income tax on your 2008 return, you may want to reduce your exemptions or have additional tax withheld for 2009. If you're getting a refund, you may want to increase your exemptions.

It's also a good time to check your beneficiary designations and make sure all your important documents are up to date.

Resident Tribal Members Can File For Annual Sales Tax Refund

If you are a Resident Tribal Member (living within the tax agreement area and registered with the Tax Office) you can receive a sales tax refund from the State of Michigan. There is no need to send in receipts. The refund is based on a percentage of the Resident Tribal Member's income. The Tax Office will be mailing Form 4013 to all Resident Tribal Members by the end of January. Call the Tax Office at 231-398-6874 if you are a Resident Tribal Member and do not receive Form 4013 for the Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit by the 1st of February.

Earned Income Tax Credit

You may be eligible to get money back! If your total earned income for 2008 is at least \$1 but less than

- \$12,880 (\$15,880 for married filing jointly) if you do not have a qualifying child,
- \$33,995 (\$36,995 for married filing jointly) if you have one qualifying child, or
- \$38,646 (\$41,646 for married filing jointly) if you have more than one qualifying child

you may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a credit worth up to \$4,824 that is designed to supplement wages and to reduce the tax burden on low- or moderate-income workers. Depending on eligibility and income level, eligible workers either get money back or pay less in taxes. For more information, contact the IRS, visit <http://www.irs.gov/eitc>, or contact the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tax Office at 231-398- 6874.

Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit

New this year is the Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit. Beginning January 1, 2008, a taxpayer may claim a refundable credit against the income tax for an amount equal to a percentage of the credit the taxpayer is allowed to claim as a credit under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 32 (i.e., the Earned Income Tax Credit) for a tax year on a return filed under the Act for the same tax year. For tax years beginning after December 31, 2007, and before January 1, 2009, an eligible taxpayer may claim a credit of 10% of his or her EITC. For tax years beginning after December 31, 2008, an eligible taxpayer may claim a credit of 20% of his or her EITC.

A Michigan taxpayer entitled to the Federal EITC can take the Michigan EITC on the designated line on the Michigan 1040. No additional forms are required. For additional information ask your tax advisor about Michigan Public Act 372 of 2006 Earned Income Credit.

Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit for Resident Tribal Members (RTM's)

The Michigan Department of Treasury has issued the following Q&A's regarding the State's position on the Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit for Resident Tribal Members who are not subject to Michigan Income Tax.

Q: Does a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe that has a tax agreement with the State of Michigan qualify for the Michigan Earned Income Credit?

A: If the member is considered a "Resident Tribal Member" under the tax agreement and the member meets the other criteria identified in Michigan Compiled Law 206.272, the member may claim the credit.

Q: Does a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe that does not have a tax agreement with the State of Michigan qualify for the Michigan Earned Income credit?

A: If the member does not live within his or her tribe's Indian Country (as defined in 18 USC 1151) and meets the other criteria identified in Michigan Compiled Law 206.272, the member may claim the credit. If the member does live within his or her tribe's Indian Country, the only way for the member to qualify for the credit would be to have activity occurring outside of their tribe's Indian Country that is subject to Michigan income tax and meet the other criteria identified in Michigan Compiled Law 206.272. If the member lives within their own tribe's Indian Country and earns all their income within their tribe's Indian Country, they do not qualify for the credit.

Recovery Rebates

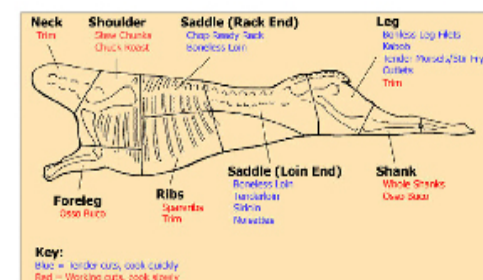
Qualifying taxpayers who timely filed 2007 federal income tax returns received an advance refund based on the income and qualifying children shown on their 2007 returns. A reconciliation is required for 2008 returns, so that taxpayers who did not receive the advance rebate or who are entitled to a larger rebate based on their 2008 income and qualifying children will claim the difference as a refundable credit on their 2008 returns. If taxpayers received a larger amount based on their 2007 returns, they are not required to repay the difference. For additional information ask your tax advisor about The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 (ESA, Pub. L. No. 110-185, enacted February 13, 2008).

First Time Home Buyer Tax Credit

A first-time home buyer anywhere in the United States is allowed a refundable tax credit equal to the lesser of \$7,500 (\$3,750 for a married individual filing separately) or 10% of the purchase price of a principal residence. A *first-time homebuyer* is an individual who had no ownership interest in a principal residence in the United States during the 3-year period prior to the date the qualifying home is purchased. Repayment is required over 15 years with no interest charge, beginning in the second tax year after the year of purchase. For additional information ask your tax advisor about The Housing Assistance Tax Act of 2008 (HAT, Pub. L. No. 110-289, enacted July 30, 2008).

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Two sides of the coin

By Patrick D. Wilson

"Shrek" may have layers like an onion, but Peacemaking/ Probation Department has two sides, like a coin. One side being Peacemaking and the other side being Probation.

We have focused on Peacemaking for the last year, in a major attempt to get the program up to speed. We are still working very hard to reach that goal, and we are still looking for volunteers to support the Peacemaking program. The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is a form of Peacemaking as it is known in the state and federal courts. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court's Peacemaking service does use many techniques from the ADR process. However, the biggest difference is our Peacemaking Program uses our traditional ways to arrive at an agreement that both participants will benefit from, and if possible rebuild their relationship. Our Peacemaking process does not

focus on right or wrong, it focuses on healing. But, sometimes Peacemaking is not appropriate and the individuals go to court. If the person is found guilty, and as part of the sentence Probation can be ordered.

Probation is the other side of the coin, and it is very different from Peacemaking. The focus of probation is on rehabilitation. Under the supervision of the Probation Department the offender must complete and comply with the terms and conditions of the court's order. Probation gives the offender the maximum liberty as not interrupt normal community contact. While at the same time allows the court the ability to protect the tribal community from further violations. For the Tribal Court, Probation in some cases is seen as an appropriate and valuable option rather than incarceration.

As a Probation Officer we have the responsibility to maintain at all times the integrity of the Tribal Court, the Professional ethics of the Probation Department, and the faith and trust placed

on the Probation Officer by the Tribal Community. The Probation Department is governed by many different codes of ethics; the first one comes under Court Rules Chapter 2 Code of Conduct for Tribal Court Clerks, Magistrates, Administrators and other Court Personnel, second is the Tribal Court Personnel Manual Chapter IX. Conditions of Employment 9.1 Code of Ethics and Work Rules, and the Guiding Principle of Probation Section 2.02 Tribal Court Probation Officers Oath of Ethics. It is very clear when conducting the business of Probation, a high standard of ethics is placed on the Probation Officer's shoulders. I, Patrick D. Wilson and my assistant, Austen Brauker have accepted this high standard and we embrace this responsibility.

The office of Probation offers many challenges; the biggest challenge is the fact that all of the probationers are fellow Tribal Members. This is why I will insure that each probationer will get the support and guidance they will need to comply and successfully complete their conditions of probation. Miigwech,

Animal Tracking- How to walk in balance

By Austen J. Brauker

A very effective way to learn how to walk in balance on our mother earth is by attempting the nearly lost art of animal tracking. Tracking is as much a philosophical concept as it is a teachable skill. People can be taught the rudimentary skills associated with tracking, such as animal type and direction of travel, but the spiritual focus of tracking revolves around the idea that every moving thing in the world leaves a trace of its passing, that every action you make has an effect on the world around you. These actions, no matter how small, make some kind of impact on our surroundings. Everything does. Our thoughts and words can even leave tracks. Words on a page are an example of the tracks of someone's thoughts. Poetry, sermons, political speeches and prayers are all examples of words that make a ripple effect and keep spreading out after they have been spoken. Whatever we do, we are constantly making impressions. To study the art of tracking is to study one's own self and the inseparable interrelationship of that self with the environment. Tracking increases our awareness of behaviors, movements and emphasizes our place in the natural order of the world. It teaches us to work backwards through a problem, to extrapolate information and to look for tiny clues in the minutiae that we sometimes overlook. Tracking unfolds a new way of viewing our environment that expands the range of our senses and our ideas. It widens the parameters we would normally use to compartmentalize and explain the world. It makes our view of life become larger and encourages a spiritual and humble way of thinking. With this change in perspective comes the wisdom of how to step lightly in the world, how to walk in balance. Tracking is not just a way to follow animals. It is a way of thinking about our lives. It is a practical method to increase spiritual understanding. We all make tracks. They show the effect of something or someone having been in a particular place at a particular time. This can be as simple as a footprint, but it can also be

other things, such as a piece of the animal itself (fur, bone, tooth, scale, skin, candy wrappers, a check stub, bank statement, etc.). Anything that can be left behind is a track. Tracks can even be something as subtle of a faint trace, such as a smell, a ripple in the water, a breeze from feathered flight or a distant sound on the wind. All of these things are tracks. Everything leaves a trace of its passing. Somewhere on the far end of these signals is a living being. If we follow the tracks forward it will eventually lead us to the animal or person who has made them. They are marks in time of a story that has already occurred. Tracking is a way to travel backward and forward along a timeline. Consider this: Even the tiniest atom in anything composed of matter has an electric charge, another kind of track or signature. That charge interacts by repelling or attracting itself to other atoms. These movements leave electric evidence. There is no escaping that everything having substance leaves some kind of a track. Scientists can track things that we cannot even see with the naked eye, like dark matter, gamma rays, x-rays and other cosmic particles. They see the waves of their passing, calculate the energy in the particles and assign values to them based on measurable characteristics. These scientists are basically studying tracks. They look with their powerful telescopes backward in time at the old light and old radiation waves from long dead stars, images from the past. Looking at these tracks of light, they can witness the "big bang" and try to explain the creation of the Universe itself. Everything leaves a track. From these tracks we can work backward and tell a story of all the things that have passed. Let's come back to Earth now. There are also practical applications. Learning to track in the wilderness can be a valuable and life saving skill. Tracking skills will allow you to know what kinds of animals are around and what they are doing. You will know if there are potentially dangerous animals, like humans, lurking about. You will know where to find small game, set up traps or snares

and find food. Tracks can lead you to water or shelter. They can warn you of danger and help you if you are lost. If you use tracks to stalk game, it will teach you how to move quietly, how to use camouflage, how to listen to the languages of the forest and how to find your place within its rhythms. Honing these tracking skills will eventually let us know how fast an animal might be running, which way they were looking, whether or not they had a full belly, if they are wounded and numerous other pieces of information that might be vital for survival in the wilderness. As we get better, our wilderness awareness and vocabulary will become greater and greater. Remember that humans are animals too, and we are just as much a part of the wilderness as anything else that lives out there. We are all connected to the web of relationships that encompasses the whole picture of nature.

TRACKING TECHNIQUES:

Walking in Balance- We learn to slow down, to be more silent and to watch all around us, not just close to the ground. We realize that when we move we are possibly erasing the tracks we are looking for by putting new ones over the top. We realize that the environment is a canvas or a story book that is being written or painted with each movement that occurs, including our own.

Observation- This is a skill where we learn to identify a track. We look at the evidence and decide what kind of creature made the mark we are observing. We look at beds, burrows, scrapes, droppings, surrounding landscapes, and anything that we can notice to help us fill in the blanks, to describe the mystery that we are witnessing. When we have identified the creature, then we can begin to determine other more specific characteristics.

Behavioral Deductions- Based on the evidence, what other factors can we determine about this animal? Is it large or small? Male or female?

Walking or running? Going east or going west? Hunting or being chased? How long ago was this track made? Two legs or four? This is where we begin to piece together a story about what happened to create the track we are looking at. It is like reading a story, only instead of words, we use the signs left behind to tell us what has happened. As we learn more about each animal, it becomes easier to enter into their individual thinking process and to be able to read how they have reacted in different situations. We will begin to see the patterns in how animals act differently in different situations, whether they are hunting, breeding or hiding from a predator.

Spiritual Respect- We attempt to relate to the animals we are tracking and learn from them. They are teachers and must be respected. Even when we take a life because of hunger, we must acknowledge these animals who die to feed our flesh and give thanks for their sacrifice. The animals and plants that we eat become a part of who we are and in this way, they live on within our bodies. Their spirit energy is absorbed into our own and we become physically made up of the very things we consume. In the most literal sense, we are what we eat. This is how tracking will help us to learn how to walk in better balance on the Earth Mother.

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Austen J. Brauker
Peacemaking/Probation Department



"It's important stuff."

They are a people with a long and rich history. They form a community that embraces tradition and heritage. And this weekend, they are bringing their culture to the people of metro-Detroit at the 16th Annual Native American Festival & Mini Pow Wow. Presented by the Ford Motor Company, the festival celebrates the Ottawa, Ojibwe and Potawatomi--the indigenous Michigan Indians-- with authentic food, clothing, dancing and history during a two-day event at the Southfield Pavilion in Southfield. "It's a way that we really try to educate the community," said Bill Memberto, 63, of Wellston. Memberto is a member of the Little River band of Ottawa Indians of Manistee and has served as the festival's master of ceremonies every year since it started. "There are a lot of misunderstandings about us," Memberto said. "We try to give people a sense of how we came to be who we are in this country." Viewers are treated to storytelling, dancing and a variety of demonstrations, includ-

ing fire starting and basket making, while artisans display handmade jewelry, pottery and toys at booths surrounding the main circle, where dancers perform in full, traditional Native American dress. "We're looking forward to seeing some of the singing and dancing," said Hallie Bard of Eastpointe with four-year-old son Aidan Bard Kuhl. The performances are part of the mini pow wow, which takes place in the main circle throughout the day. The festival blends traditional Native American culture with modern America, showing how tribes have maintained their heritage while also embracing the country they call home. "We kind of live in two worlds," Memberto said. "I'm a citizen of my tribe and I'm a citizen of the United States." Though Native Americans are often viewed as victims in American history, Memberto considers his people lucky to have maintained their heritage. "We believe that a lot of people lose touch with their culture. A lot of



times, the trouble that we see with people is a lack of connectedness. It's important stuff." The festival continues until 6 p.m. today and will open tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4p.m. Admission is \$7.50 per person or \$26 for a family of four. Free parking is available at the Pavilion, located at 26000 Evergreen Road. Marty Wabindato wears traditional jewelry made of antlers, teeth and hooves.

(In My Eye Photography)

Warrior Society Chaplain

The December article about "Warrior's Society and Presentation" listed every elected position of the Warrior Society. Unfortunately one position was accidentally omitted, the important post of the Chaplin. The Chaplin holds a very important office within the Warrior Society. The Chaplin is charged with providing "a basis for on going development and perpetration of the Little River Band Warrior Society, Culture, Language, beliefs, values and traditions to preserve those cultural elements significant to the Society and all Anishnabek."

Former Ogema Patrick Wilson was chosen by the Warrior's Society to fulfill this critical position.



EmOps Exercise

The Tribal Emergency Planning Committee (TEPC) successfully staged their first Emergency Exercise at the Bank Building in Manistee in mid-November. The exercise was conducted to test the new Building Emergency Plan devised over the last few months. Earlier this year, as part of a grant-funded initiative coordinated through the Grants Department, the TEPC contracted with an outside consultant to create a plan for the Bank Building. This building was chosen because it represents the most challenging facility outside of the Casino/Resort with three working floors and over 50 employees. Catton Consulting is run by Dick Catton, an experienced Emergency Management professional in Michigan. He was assisted by retired Manistee County EMC, Ken Hilliard.

The plan was finalized and training held for the building staff prior to the exercise. However, it was an unannounced exercise, so they were all surprised! This was a good thing because the employees had to seriously consider the situation and what to do when an 'emergency' was declared. The purpose of the exercise was to highlight areas of the plan that need to be fine-tuned and areas of training that need to be reviewed. The TEPC has met to review the after-action report and is making the corrections required of a good workable plan. These actions will be integrated into the overall emergency plan which is a part of our compliance requirements from the Federal Government. By design of the TEPC, the basic outline of the emergency plan is one that can be applied to all Tribal government buildings. This way, the tribes' Emergency Management Coordinator (TPD Officer Janelle Lyrenmann) can coordinate the development of plans for all of our buildings that are similar in scope.

This exercise, when combined with the recent purchase and installation of AED's and enhanced First Aid Kits in government buildings greatly increases the ability of the government staff to assist members to survive incidents and disasters. Ogema Romanelli issued the following comment after the exercise, "I want to thank everyone associated with the TEPC for all their hard work. I know that this isn't something that has been handed to you to take over; it had to be created almost from scratch with little support and understanding. Thank you for the extra efforts you have put into making this work. The fact that it went as well as it did is a testament to your efforts. We have a ways to go, but the effects will be long term."

Article by Glenn Zaring
Chair, TEPC

November Luncheon

The November employee luncheon was held the 21st at the Community Center. A full house of employees were treated to a great meal and Kenny Pheasant (THP) honored everyone present with a prayer in our language.



During the luncheon several announcements and giveaways happened. First, Chuck Fisher (Grants) addressed everyone about the successful United Way program underway at the government. Even in these difficult times, the tribal employees increased their giving and participation in the campaign.

At the end of the luncheon, Chuck conducted a giveaway, assisted by Dan Shepard (Planning), for those who participated. Included in the giveaway were two beautiful blankets contributed by Ogema Romanelli.

Next, the Maajiidaa!! "Let's Move" premier was announced for December 11th at the Casino Resort. The premier of this excellent DVD for moderate aerobic exercise has already received some national recognition with one request for the DVD in already from Washington state. Maajiidaa!! is a presentation of the Tribal Diabetic Program, under the guidance of Holly Davis and Tribal Health Director Jessica Burger.



The (in)famous Harold P. Nagish (Jeremy "Deacon" Wilson) was at the luncheon and he talked about the recent trip to Washington DC to make a presentation about the program. Director Burger complimented 'Harold' on how well he did during the Washington trip. Something about 'he was always surrounded by pretty women' but she didn't go into details....thankfully! A separate story on the premier is located elsewhere in this issue of the **Currents**.



Lastly, Nita Guenthardt (HR Director) introduced the newest employee, Tribal Member Bill Willis who has come on board the Executive Branch to work assist in the Tribal Manager's office.



Jay Sam
receives blanket



"Senior Day" a Success

Despite the weather, Tribal Member's near and far came to enjoy good food and conversation at Little River Band's first Senior Day held at our Muskegon Office. Many received assistance with and information on the services available from the various Tribal Departments while others walked away with their flu-shot courtesy of the Tribal Health Clinic! The Elder's Survey provided great information and we would like to thank all who braved the weather to come join us. It's was a nice turn out for the event and wish to thank all of those who braved the weather to join us. We hope to do it again in the spring!

A big Kchi Miigwetch to:

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Tax Office
Tribal Health Clinic



Tribal Members Harriet Grantsyn and Virginia Lenartowicz join Ogema Romanelli and Family Services Clinical Supervisor Dorothy Rose for Tour of Tanglewood Park, and Elder's facility

Special thanks to the folks from Tanglewood Park, who took the time to give tours along with a wealth of knowledge of the services available at their "One-stop Service & Activity Center" for Elders! Let's not forget the Education Department for letting us use their van and making the two tours to Tanglewood Park possible!

MyPyramid Chart

The MyPyramid chart is a tool to help make healthier choices with recommended amounts. Eating nutritious food from all five food groups, along with exercise is the most important thing you can do to keep strong and healthy.



The following food groups are represented in the stripes of the pyramid from left to right.



Grain Group: Main Nutrient-Carbohydrate

Function: Energy; Eat whole grains as this provides fiber.
One ounce equivalents are: one slice of bread, ½ cup cooked cereal, pasta or rice, 1 small 6" tortilla, 1 cup cereal



Vegetable Group: Main Nutrient-Vitamins and Minerals. Most contain small amounts of carbohydrate.

Function: Promotes good health and raw vegetables are a good source of fiber. ½ cup is a serving.



Fruit Group: Main Nutrient-Vitamins and Minerals. Fruit is also a carbohydrate.

Function: Regulates and maintains body function and raw fruit is another source of fiber. ½ cup is a serving.



Oil Group: Main Nutrient-Essential Fatty Acids and major source of vitamin E

Function: Provides lubrication and insulation.
Healthy choices include olive oil, canola oil, sunflower oil and nuts.



Milk Group: Main Nutrient-Calcium and milk is also a carbohydrate.

Function: Build and maintain strong bones and teeth. Common foods include milk, cheese and yogurt.



Meat and Bean Group: Main Nutrient: Protein

Function: Build healthy body tissue. Sources include eggs and peanut butter and don't forget the beans.

Venison Salami

5 lbs. Ground venison
4 Rounded tsp. Morton's Tender Quick Salt
1 ½ Tsp. Mustard seed
4 Tsp. coarse black pepper
1 T. garlic powder

Mix well. Roll into 4 compact rolls. Place on broiler pan. Bake at 150 degrees for 8 hours. (If meat is fatty, bake 10 hours.) Keep in refrigerator also freezes well.

Roast Shoulder of Bear

5-8 lbs. bear meat (shoulder or round) 3 cloves (whole)
2 tbsp. bacon drippings 2 bay leaves, crushed
2 large onions 1 cup beef stock
2 ribs celery with leaves 1 cup red wing
1 carrot salt & pepper to taste
1 tsp mixed herbs flour

Heat bacon drippings in a large skillet. Brown meat on all sides. Season with salt and pepper. Place in roasting pan. Add vegetables and herbs. Add liquids. Cover tightly and back in a 225 F oven for 8 hours. DO NOT UNCOVER DURING COOKING. When done remove roast to heated platter. Strain stock, discarding vegetables and herbs. Skim fat from stock and thicken for gravy. Serves 8.

This information should be shared with the whole family to take positive steps to live a healthier lifestyle and prevent or control diabetes. Healthy eating is a balance of food choices over a few days, not just one food or meal. Healthy eating provides important nutrients for the body. It does not contain excess salt or fat that can be harmful to the heart and is usually high in fiber.

There is more to good nutrition than having enough food. You need to eat a variety of foods in the correct amount for energy to maintain your body or help a child's grow. Your body needs to stay physically active. Adults need at least thirty minutes a day of physical activity and children require sixty minutes a day.

Use this information as a tool in making healthy choices. There is space provided in the calendar to write your daily blood sugar readings if you are diabetic. Take the time to determine your dietary needs by speaking with your physician or the Diabetes Educator. For more information on food calories and your needs contact the Tribal Health Clinic at 1-888-382-8299.

The pictures are provided from the first annual Tribal youth camp. I would like to thank Jeremy Wilson for his assistance with the monthly slogans and Angela Eagle for formatting.

Spreading the word

By KEN GRABOWSKI
Associate Editor

Kenny Pheasant loves his job.

Make no mistake about it, when the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians tribal member is working in one of the area schools teaching the students about tribal culture, language and history he is a smiling bundle of energy that flows down one aisle of desks, and up the next one. For Pheasant it isn't a labor — it is a labor of love, and one that Pheasant has been performing for the past eight years in the Manistee Area Public Schools.

Pheasant said the experience began quite simply when he did a simple presentation for a group of second and third graders in the Manistee Area Public Schools. He said one of the people viewing his presentation was then Kennedy Elementary School principal and now MAPS superintendent, Bob Olsen.

"Bob Olsen saw what I did, and he said to me I want you in my school, and to be a part of the Manistee Schools," said Pheasant. "I said how do we do that, and he got a hold of (Kennedy Elementary social studies teachers) Connie Josvai and Brad Solberg, and had them meet with me.

"We started out with just their classes, and I taught the fifth graders one week, and the sixth graders the next week. We did it that way for the the rest of the semester."

Pheasant thought the program was a good one, but at that time he didn't know what the future held for it. He said at the end of the year the school district approached him about making it a permanent part of the curriculum, and it has taken off from that point in a very positive manner.

"It just blossomed from there, and the kids love the program, as do the teachers and staff," said Pheasant.

Kennedy Elementary principal, Kenn Kott said the feedback they get from the program is outstanding. He said the children can't wait for him to arrive each week with a new lesson. Pheasant spends 45 minutes with the students twice a week and it is non-stop action.

"We do a lot of programs, but this is the one the kids really look forward to every year," said Kott. "The neat thing about it is we expanded it, because now fifth graders go down to the Native American museum in Mt. Pleasant every year with Kenny, and learn even more."

The visit to Mt. Pleasant came as a result of Josvai taking a class at Central Michigan University, and then realizing it would be a great connection to the Anishinaabe classes they hold at Kennedy Elementary.

"I noticed what a great tie-in this would be for our studies, so we raise the money to go to the museum, and something else we do when we are down there is I create a scavenger hunt for the students to look for certain things in the museum, and that just adds to what they have learned from Mr. Pheasant," said Josvai. "He is just such a great asset to our Native American studies."

To watch Pheasant operate in a classroom is pure educational magic. He is constantly moving, smiling, and interacting with the children. If there are 25 students in that classroom then there are 25

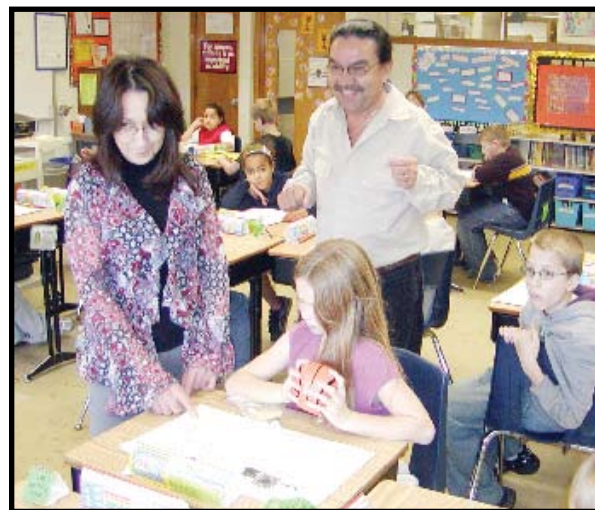
sets of eyes focused on him, and what he is saying at that moment.

He starts the students' lessons off learning simple Anishinaabe phrases, with the help of Terri Raczkowski who assists him with the program. She will pronounce the saying to the student first, because the spelling sometimes makes it difficult to pronounce on their own.

However, what is unique is the way he works the room using a simple small basketball that he tosses to the child he wants to answer the question.

"The ball I use was something I created to work with the fourth grade students, and it represents a family with a husband, wife, and twin children, but the main message it gives is we should look at each others similarities and respect one another's differences," said Pheasant. "He (the ball) comes to every class and I throw it to one of the students and it is an introduction to starting our language class."

The person who gets tossed the ball will then respond to the Anishinaabe phrase that he is attempting to



have them say. Pheasant he has found that challenging the students keeps them focused and involved in the lesson.

"It is an interactive way to connect with the students, and they love it, as one thing I have found out is the kids here really love a challenge, and facing a challenge is as big of part of education as reading, writing, or whatever," said Pheasant.

Pheasant pointed out that the Anishinaabe language is a difficult one to understand because it was never a written language, and it wasn't until many years later that it began to get recorded.

"They are learning one of the oldest languages in North America, but our language is not a written one, as missionaries and linguists tried to write out the language, and they even wrote out a dictionary," said Pheasant. "Now, through speakers like myself, we have learned to write out language, but there are variations from area to area. We have come a long way in the last 15 yers on standardizing how our language should be spelled."

He said what it also does is help show them the Anishinaabe culture differs in the way they approach things such as education. Anishinaabe people never had schools, but they still had education.

"When I tell them we didn't have schools the kids are saying 'all right,' but then I tell them even though we didn't have a school we still had to learn," said Pheasant.

And that is exactly what he does with the students

— show them the Anishinaabe culture and way of doing things. It is something that really opens up the eyes of the students.

"I use the example of building a canoe, and ask them do you think the Anishinaabe have to know math to make a canoe?" said Pheasant. "They say, yes, but you never had a tape measure or book telling them how to do it. I tell them we still measured it, but used a different method as my grandpa was a boat builder and he never looked at a manual it was all in here (pointing to his head) and when he measured length he would do it by the length of his wrist to his elbow."

He said one of the biggest problems the Anishinaabe, and other Native Americans face in today's world is stereo typing, and the way people perceive them in society. Pheasant said this class is helping to change that perception in a positive manner, and creating something that gives a better understanding of his people and their culture.

"Most times the first thought that comes to people when they see a Native American is they connect them to a casino, and that isn't who we are as a people," said Pheasant. "The kids that go through this program don't think that, as they think the Anishinaabe are people who have a culture."

"These kids are going to take what they learned here today, and share it with their brothers, sisters, mom and dad and things like that, so I have witnessed how it works, because people will come up to me out in public, and say, 'You are Mr. Pheasant, and my son or daughter just loves your class.'"

Kott pointed out that over the past eight years they have touched a large number of students in the program, and now they are getting some national recognition from it. Pheasant attended an education conference in California recently where he was asked to speak on the program.

"They flew me out there and paid for my lodging, and they wanted me to demonstrate on how I work with the kids," said Pheasant. "I just created all these things along the way, and I didn't learn them from a book, so if it works and if it isn't broken then don't fix it."

Pheasant said he is willing to work with any of the area schools, and Onekama, Kaleva and Wellston have also taken part in the program. Scheduling is always a problem, and that is why he has the set schedule with the MAPS district.

"I wish other school districts would take this model and do something with it, because we are getting nothing, but good results," said Pheasant. "Even the Native American kids feel encouraged and good about learning about their culture, history and language."

"It is an honor to be a part of this program, because they will never experience anything else like this anywhere."

Kott summed it up best with a simple phrase, that said, "if it makes the world a better place than that is what it is all about."

Words that we should all live by on a daily basis.

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Jerry Ramsey



The idea of the Cultural Center was to bring back some of our original ways of life as the three fires tribes of the great lakes anishinabe. The Ojibwa, Odawa, Bodiwatomi. The 7 Mannequins that were made in England

took 2 years to complete. Each Mannequins tells a story and a transition period from pre-contact with Europeans in our Native History to present day regalia. We are the Woodland People of the Great Lakes Region, But we are not the only Woodland Tribes. From Michigan to New York and down through Indiana, Ohio Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Kentucky. The Tribes

East of the Mississippi were known as woodland people and we still are today. The Mannequins represent the History of our People, throughout the changes in our style of clothing, from The French and Indian War, The War of 1811 and 1812 Shawnee Tribe at the Battle of Tippecanoe Prophetstown Ind. Our style of dress remained the same during that period and throughout the trade periods with the French for Wool, Silver Ornaments, Musket, Powder and Ball. Beaver Pelts were a popular trade item among the Odawa People. The French and the British prized the beaver pelts, as this is what was used to make the black top hats. The felt was extracted from the beaver pelts for this use. Our style of dress changed in the late 1800's as we went from Quill Work to trade Seed Beads, From wool or leather leggings with no fringe to Leather Leggings with fringe (Typical Plains Style) we used more of the Velvet Cloth with flower designs beaded into the cloth. It wasn't until the Mid- 1900's when our Jiingtamuk's became more and more popular (Contest Dancing) as we made that transition into more of the Western Plains Style Regalia. Bone Chokers, Bone Breastplates, Fringed Legging's, abundance of beadwork and designs, Long Plains Style Porky Pine Roaches. Our true style of dress or clothing as the Woodland Peoples of The Great Lakes

has been put away until now. Those things are slowly re-surfing again and I see more and more of that coming back as our younger children, Teenagers and Adults wearing more of the Woodland Style type clothing. This in itself is a good thing and we are showing the Honor in who we are as well as Honoring our ancestors and the Woodland People Way Of Life.. Aho



IHS-OSHA Training at LRCCR



Safety is a key topic for any business or organization and safety was the topic for four days worth of

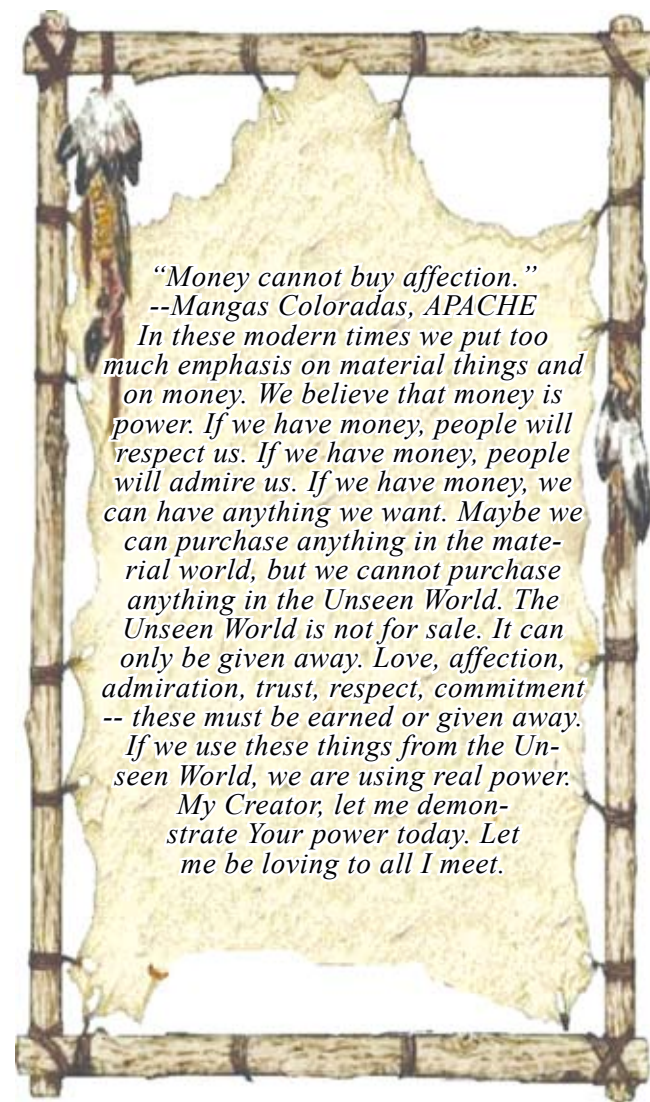
training at the Little River Casino Resort in early December. LCDR Theresa Gallagher from the Bemidji Area Indian Health Service organized this particular training module. Gallagher is a Service Unit Environmental Health Officer and she brought one of the top trainers in the nation to LRCCR, Mr. Vincent Matarrese III. Matarrese is the owner of Advanced Safety out of New Berlin, WI.

Specifically this training addressed OSHA construction, confined space, excavation and fall protection. The training was presented to Michigan tribal governments with a focus on their utility and maintenance operators

as well as Tribal safety and housing staff. Representatives from the LRBOI tribe; the Grand Traverse Band; the Saginaw Chippewa and the Huron Potawatomi attended this session.

These trainings are recommended in order to improve health and safety for all persons within the tribal facilities and communities.

Indian Health Service funded the Operation & Maintenance Training. LRBOI hosted the training and conference room in the Three Fires Conference Center located in the LRCCR in Manistee, MI.



*"Money cannot buy affection."
--Mangas Coloradas, APACHE*
In these modern times we put too much emphasis on material things and on money. We believe that money is power. If we have money, people will respect us. If we have money, people will admire us. If we have money, we can have anything we want. Maybe we can purchase anything in the material world, but we cannot purchase anything in the Unseen World. The Unseen World is not for sale. It can only be given away. Love, affection, admiration, trust, respect, commitment -- these must be earned or given away. If we use these things from the Unseen World, we are using real power. My Creator, let me demonstrate Your power today. Let me be loving to all I meet.

Misty moves on



The end of November, one of the tribe's front line employees, Misty Figueroa left the tribal government where she had worked at the Government Central Office reception desk for a number of years.

A potluck was held for Misty in the Dome Room which was attended by many employees and elected officials...all of whom had a kind word for her as she heads out to the Left Coast (California) for some new adventures.

Misty will be missed as she was always one of the first to warmly greet visitors to the Bank Building.

We all wish Misty a safe journey and fulfilling time for her with this new adventure.

Tribal Member at TC Playhouse

Tribal Member Dale Chandler is going to be on stage in Traverse City in January. Dale recently landed the role of Chief Bromden in the play, **One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest**.

This play was the winner of the 2001 Tony Award and the Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Revival of a Play. Dale Wasserman is the director of this adaptation from the novel by Ken Kesey.

Cuckoo's Nest is a cult classic where the character R.P. McMurphy plays a charming rogue who contrives to serve a short sentence in an airy mental institution rather than in a prison. This, he learns, was a mistake as he soon clashes with the Head Nurse. Jack Nicholson played McMurphy in the film version.

Performances at the Old Town Playhouse will be from January 16th through the 31st. The Box Office may be contacted at 231.947.2210.



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Great job Stormy and keep up the good work!"



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Nina Loretta Russ Shaw



Nina Loretta Russ Shaw crossed over peacefully on September 21, 2008 at Legacy House, a Hospice facility in Ocala, Florida. She was born on July 30, 1945. She was the daughter of the late Lance C. and Loretta N. Wabindato Russ of Ocala, Florida. She was also the niece of Jacob and Betty Wabindato of Muskegon, Michigan.

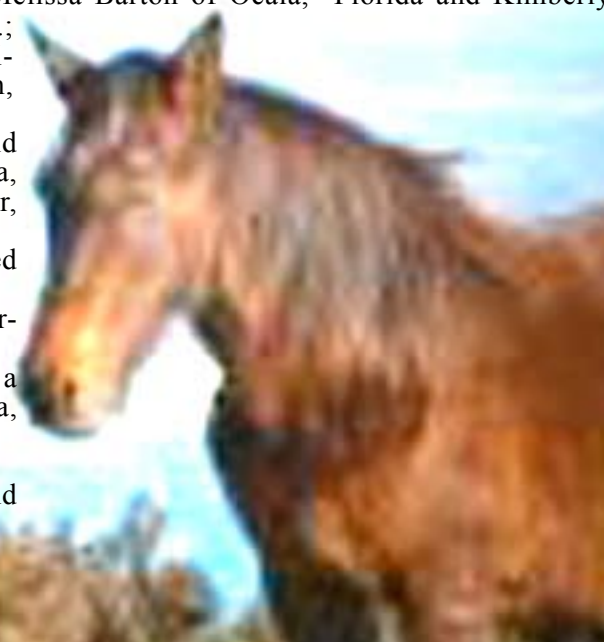
She is survived by 2 daughters, Melissa Barton of Ocala, Florida and Kimberly Blackburn of Winston-Salem, N.C.; 2 sons, Lance Shaw of Pinole, California and Rick Shaw of Hampton, Virginia; and 9 grandchildren.

She is also survived by her brothers, Robert Russ and Lance C. Russ, Jr. and their wives of Inverness, Florida, and Archer Russ of New Tazewell, Tennessee; 1 sister, Anna Marie Taylor of Crouse, N.C.; and numerous other relatives scattered throughout Florida and Michigan.

She was preceeded in death by 1 grandson, Dylan, her parents, and 1 brother Johnny.

She loved animals, especially her dogs. She worked for a number of years on a major horse and cattle farm in Ocala, Florida. She was a very unique individual, one who definitely marched to the beat of a different drum.

She will be greatly missed by her close family and friends.



Exercise DVD Presented at National Conference

Holly Davis RN, MSN, Diabetes Educator, Jeremy (Deacon) Wilson Community Health Representative and Jessica Burger, RN Health Director, went to Washington D.C. November 12-15, 2008 to attend the National Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) Grantee Conference and Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee meeting to present our 'Maajiidaa!!' moderate impact exercise DVD.

'Maajiidaa!!' (Let's Move!!) was created by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Diabetes Education and Community Health Representatives with video production by LRBOI Historic Preservation. Production funding was provided through SDPI grant funds as part of diabetes prevention efforts. Holly and Deacon spoke to persons regarding the project, answering questions ranging from the idea/concept for the DVD, related production costs and the level of 'fun' involved in creating a program specific to the Tribal community. The project was well received, with 100 copies being distributed to representatives from across Indian Country. Attendees were especially interested in the local participation aspect of the exercise demonstrators; our own Tribal members were showcased, ranging in age from 7 to 80 years.



The DVD was produced and distributed to allow the conference attendees an opportunity to bring "Maajiidaa!!" back to their tribal communities to increase the awareness of the benefits of exercise to assist with diabetes prevention and treatment.

Dr. Kelly Acton, Director, Indian Health Services Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention praised the "creativity of the work and (our) efforts" in making the exercise DVD. Dr. Steve Rith-Najarian, Diabetes Program Coordinator for the Bemidji Area Office of the Indian Health Service also previewed the DVD demonstration commenting that he "especially appreciated the community focus and involvement in the effort."

SDPI was created in 1997 to address the diabetes epidemic among Native Americans by providing diabetes treatment and prevention services to Native American health programs throughout the United States. American Indians have the highest rate of diabetes (17%) among all racial and ethnic groups. Recent government studies have shown that SDPI efforts have contributed to availability of diabetes prevention and treatment services and care for Native American. SDPI grant funding was extended for another two years in July 2008.

For more information on diabetes or to receive your free copy of Maajiidaa!!, call Little River Band Tribal Health Clinic at 723-8299 or 888-382-8299.

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